

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 506

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Katelyn Watt upon her election as West Tennessee Regional Reporter for the Future Farmers of America.

WHEREAS, organized in 1928 to promote leadership, personal growth, and career success among high school agriculture students, the Future Farmers of America (FFA) continues to play an important role in ensuring the growth and prosperity of agriculture in Tennessee and the nation by expertly molding our future leaders; and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto, "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve," and the 2009 theme, "Step Up, Stand Out," give direction and purpose to these future leaders for tomorrow's agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Katelyn Watt is one such leader who was elected in March of 2009 as the West Tennessee Regional Reporter for the FFA; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Watts underwent a rigorous application process that included tests and interviews before she was elected to the position, which enables her to travel with her chapter to competitions and document their progress; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Milan High School, Katelyn was one of ten FFA students at her school who recently attended the annual state convention in Gatlinburg, which lasted from March 29 until April 1; and

WHEREAS, highly successful at the event, the Milan chapter garnered the Superior Chapter Award, which honors chapters that have increased their membership by at least ten percent, and the Platinum Award for Passing Literacy Onward (PLOW); and

WHEREAS, Katelyn was one of the five students from Milan High School who received FFA State Degrees, a degree awarded to only 500 students of the 13,000 FFA members statewide; and

WHEREAS, the awards earned by the Milan Chapter of the FFA illustrate the success that the chapter has achieved in recent years; boasting thirty-nine members this school year, the Milan High School FFA enjoyed a fifty percent increase in membership; and

WHEREAS, having experienced a true measure of success in high school, Katelyn Watt plans to pursue a career as an agriculture teacher after she graduates from college; and

WHEREAS, Katelyn is a community leader who works assiduously to educate herself and others on the benefits and preservation of agriculture in this great State, and she should be specially recognized for her achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Katelyn Watt upon her election as West Tennessee Regional Reporter for the Future Farmers of America, recognize her outstanding achievement at the 2009 State Convention, and extend to her our best wishes for every success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.